









# THE FIRM OF GIRDLESTONE.

## A ROMANCE OF THE UNROMANTIC.

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CHAPTER XXVII.

One day Major Tobias Clutterbuck was sitting at the window of his little room smoking his cigarette and sipping his glass of wine, as was his custom if times were reasonably good. While thus agreeably employed he chanced to look across the road and perceived a little fringe of dark hair, and a still darker eye, which surveyed him round the border of one of the curtains which flanked a window opposite. The gallant major was much interested in this apparition, and rose to make a closer inspection of it, but, alas! before he could focus it with his eye-glass it was gone! He bent his gaze resolutely in that direction for a long time, and smoked at least half a dozen more cigarettes, besides finishing the bottle of wine; but although he thought he saw certain flittings and whiskings of garments in the dark background of the opposite room, he could not make out anything more definite.

Next day the soldier was on the look out at the same hour, and was rewarded by the appearance of two eyes, very mischievous and dangerous ones, too, which were set in a buxom and by no means unexpressive face. The lady who owned these charms looked very deliberately up the street, and very deliberately down the street, after which she betook herself to look across the street, and started to perceive a stout, middle-aged gentleman, with a fiery face, who was looking at her with an expression of intense admiration. So much alarmed was she that she vanished behind the curtains and the major feared that he would see her no more. Fortunately, however, it became evident that the lady's alarm was not very overpowering, for within five minutes she was back at the window, where her eyes again fell upon the beaming face and jaunty figure of the major, who had posed himself in a striking attitude, which was somewhat marred by the fact that he was still enveloped in his purple dressing-gown. This time her eyes lingered a little longer than before and the suspicion of a smile appeared upon her features. On this the major smiled and bowed, and she smiled also, showing a pretty little line of white teeth as she did so. What the veteran's next move might have been no one can tell, for the lady solved the problem by disappearing in a twinkling, and this time permanently. He was very well satisfied, however, and chuckled much to himself while arraying himself in his long frock coat and immaculate collar before setting out for the club. He had been a shy old dog in his day, and had followed Venus almost as much as he had Mars during his chequered career.

All day the recollection of this little episode haunted him. So much pre-occupied was he that the club that he actually played out the thirteenth trump upon his partner's long suit and so, naturally, he was ever known to throw away a point. He told Von Baumer all about it when he came back.

"She's a damned fine-looking woman, whoever she may be," he remarked, as they sat together before turning in. "Be George! she's the finest woman I've seen for a long time."

"She's a widow," said the German.

"A widow—the widow of an engineer?"

"Is it a widow ye mean? What d'ye know about her? What's her name, and where does she come from?"

"I have heard from the slavey dat a win—a widow lives over dere in dose rooms. She boards madame Morrison, and dat window belongs to her privacy zimmer—dat is, chamber. As to her name, I have not heard it, or else I disremember it."

"Gad!" said the major; "she'd eyes that looked right through ye, and a figure like Juno."

"She's vierzig if she's a day—dat is, forty," Von Baumer remarked.

"Well, if she is, me boy, a woman of forty is just in the prime of life. Ye'd seen her at the window, she would have taken ye by storm. She stands like this, and she looks up like this, and then down in this way." The major pursed up his warlike features into what he imagined to be an innocent and captivating expression. "Then she looks across and she sees me, and down go the lids of her eyes like the shutting off of a bull's-eye lantern. Then she blushed and stole just one more glance at me round the corner of the curtain. She had two peeps, the devil a doubt of it."

"Dat is very good," the German said encouragingly.

"Ah, me boy, twenty years ago, when I was forty, mecher round the chest and thirty-three round the waist, I was worth looking at twice. Bedad, when a man gets old and lonely he sees what a fool he was not to make better use of his time when he'd the chance."

"Mein Gott!" cried Von Baumer. "You don't mean to say dat you would marry suppose you had the chance?"

"I don't know," the major answered reflectively.

"The women is not to be trusted," the German said sadly. "I knew a woman in my own country, what was the daughter of a man dat kept a hotel—and she was promised to be married to each others. Karl Hugelstein, he was to be what you call my best man. A very handsome man was Karl, and I sent him often mit little presents of one thing or another to my girl, for dere were reasons why I could not go myself. He was nicer dan me because my hair was red, and pretty soon she began to like him and he liked her too. So the day before the wedding she sent down the Rhine to Frankfurt the boat, and he went down by train and dere dey met and was married the one to the other."

"And what did ye do?" the major asked with interest.

"Ah, dat was the most worst thing of all, for I followed dem mit a friend of mine, and when we caught them I did not let her know, but I called him out of his hotel, and I told him dat he must fight me. Dat was a mistake. I should have done him an insult, and den he would have come to me to fight, and I could have chosen my own weapon. As it was, he chose swords, for he knew vell that I knew nothing of them, and he had been the best fencer in the whole of his University. Den we met in the morning, and before I had time to do anything he ran me through the left lung. I have shown you the mark of it. After dat I was in bed for two month and more, and it still hurts me ven de weather is cold. Dat is vat they call satisfaction."

Baumer added, pulling his long beard reflectively. "To me it has ever seemed the most dissatisfactory thing that could be imagined."

"I don't wonder ye're afraid of the women after that," said the major, laughing. "There are plenty of good women in the world, though, if ye have the luck to come across them. D'ye know a young fellow called Dimsdale—Ah, ye wouldn't, but I've met him lately at the club. He's got a girl who's the adopted daughter of that same old Girdlestone that we talked about. I saw the two of them together one day as happy as a pair of young love birds. Sure, ye've only got to look at her face to see that she's as good as gold. I'll bet that that woman over the street there is another of the right sort."

"Dat woman always in your head," the German said with a smile. "You shall certainly dream about her to-night. I remember a woman in Germany—and so these two Bohemians rambled on into the small hours, discoursing upon their past experiences and regaling each other with many reminiscences, some of which, perhaps, are just as well omitted and allowed to sink into oblivion. When the major finally

retired for the night, his last thought was of the lady at the window and of the means by which he might contrive to learn something of her.

These proved to be more easy than he anticipated, for next morning, on crossing-examining the little servant girl from whom Von Baumer had derived his information, the major found out all that he desired to know. According to this authority, the lady was a widow of the name of Scully, the relic of a deceased engineer, and had been staying some little time at Morrison's, which was the rival establishment to that in which the major and Von Baumer resided.

Armed with this information, the major pondered for some time before deciding upon his course of action. He saw no possible means by which he could gain an introduction to his charming neighbour unless he had recourse to some daring stratagem. "Audace et toujours audace" had always been the soldier's motto. He rose from his chair, discarded his purple gown, and arrayed himself in his best attire. Never had he paid such attention to his toilet. His face was clean shaven and shining, his sparse hairs were laid out to the best advantage, his collar spotless, his frock coat impressively respectable, and his tout ensemble irreproachable. "Be George!" he said to himself, as he surveyed himself in the small looking-glass. "I'd look as young as Baumer if I had some more hair on my head. Bad cess to the helmets and shakos that wore it all off!"

When his toilet was fully completed and rounded off by the addition of a pair of light gloves and an ebony stick with a silver head, the veteran strode forth with a bold front, but with considerable trepidation at his heart, for a man is never so seasoned as to have no misgivings when he makes the first advances to a woman who really attracts him. Whatever the major's inward feelings may have been, however, he successfully concealed them as he rang the bell of the rival lodging-house and inquired of the servant whether Mrs. Scully was at home.

"Yes, sir, she is," said the slavey with a frightened bob, which was a tribute to the major's martial mien and gorgeous attire.

"Would ye tell her that I should like to see her," said the major boldly. "I shan't detain her a moment. Here is my card—Major Tobias Clutterbuck, late of the 11th Light Infantry."

The servant disappeared with the card, and presently returned with a request that he would step up. The old soldier stumped his way upstairs with the firm footfall of one who has taken a thing in hand and means to carry it through at all hazards. As he ascended it seemed to him that he heard the sound of feminine laughter in the distance. If so, it could hardly have come from the lady whom he was in quest of, for he was shown into a large and well-furnished room, where she sat looking demure and grave enough, as did another younger lady who was crocheting on the ottoman beside her.

The major made his most courtly bow, though he felt very much as the Spaniards may be supposed to have done when they saw their ships blazing behind them. "I trust ye will excuse this intrusion on me part," he began. "I happened to hear that a lady of the name of Scully was stopping here."

"My name is Scully, sir," said the lady, whose dark eyes had allured the major to this feat of daring.

"Then perhaps, madam," the veteran said with another bow, "ye will allow me to ask ye whether ye are any relation to Major-general Scully, of the Indian Sappers?"

"Pray take a seat, Major—Major Clutterbuck," said Mrs. Scully, referring to his card, which she still held in her very well-formed little hand. "Major-general Scully, did you say? Dear me! I know that one of my husband's relations went into the Army, but we never heard what became of him. A major-general, is he? Who ever would have thought it!"

"As dashing a souldier, madam," said the major, warning into eloquence, "as ever hewed a way through the ranks of the enemy, or stormed the snow-clad passes of the Himalayas."

"Fancy!" ejaculated the young lady with the crochet needle.

"Many a toime," continued the soldier, "he and I after some hard-fought field have slept together upon the blood-stained ground wrapp'd in the same martial cloak."

"Fancy!" cried both ladies in chorus, and they could not have selected a more appropriate interjection.

"And when at last he died," the major went on with emotion, "cut in two with a tulwar in a skirmish with hill tribes, he turned to me—"

"After being cut in two?" interrupted the younger lady.

"And turned to me," said the major inflexibly, "and putting his hand in mine, he said, with his last breath, 'Toby—that was what he always called me—'Toby,' he said, 'I have a—your husband was my brother I think ye said, ma'am'."

"No, it was Mr. Scully's uncle who went into the Army."

"Ah, quite so. 'I have a nephew in England,' he said, 'who is very dear to me. He is married to a charming woman. Search out the young couple, Toby. Guard over them. Protect them. Those were his last words, madam. Next moment his soul had fled. When I heard your name casually mentioned I could not feel satisfied in me mind until I had come across and ascertained if you were the lady in question."

Now, this narrative not only surprised the widow, which was not unnatural, seeing that it was entirely an invention of the old soldier's, but it appealed to her weakest point. The father of the deceased Scully had been of plebeian origin, so that the discovery in the family of a real major-general—albeit he was dead—was a famous windfall, for the widow had social ambitions which fall for the dead never been able to gratify. Hence she smiled sweetly at the veteran in a way which stimulated him to further flights of mendacity.

"Sure, he and I were like brothers," he said. "He was a man that any one might well be proud to know. Commander-in-chief said to me once, 'Clutterbuck,' says he, 'I don't know what we'd do if we had a European war. I've no one I can rely on,' says he. 'There's Scully,' says he, 'a right terrible cut up when this occurred. Here's a blow to the British Army!' he remarked, as he looked down at him where he lay with a bullet through his head—he did, madam, be Jove!"

"But, major, I understood you to say that he was cut in two?"

"So he was. Cut in two, and shot and mortally wounded in a dozen places besides. Ah, if he could have foreseen that I should have met ye he would have died happy."

"It's strange he never let us know of his existence when he was alive," the widow remarked. "Pride, madam, pride! 'Until I reach the top of the tree, Toby, be used to say, 'I shall never reveal myself to me brother.'"

"Nephew," interpolated the widow.

"Quite so. 'I shall never reveal myself to me nephew.' He said those very words to me only a few minutes before the fatal shot struck him."

"A shell, major? You mean a bullet."

"A shell, madam, a shell," said the major with decision.

"Dear me!" exclaimed Mrs. Scully, with a somewhat bewildered expression. "How very still it all is. We must thank you very much, Major Clutterbuck."

"I beg pardon, Major Clutterbuck. It was very kind of you to call upon us in this friendly way and to give us these details. Of course, when a relative dies, even though you don't know much about him, it is interesting to have a clear account of how it all happened. Just fancy, Clara," continued the widow, drawing her handkerchief from her reticule and mopping one of her eyes with it. "Just fancy the poor fellow being out in two with a bullet far away in India and him just speaking about Jack and me a few minutes

before. I am sure we must thank Major Clutterbuck."

"Clutterbuck, madam," cried the major with some indignation.

"I really beg pardon. We must thank him, Clara, for having told us about it and for having called."

"Do not thank me, me dear Mrs. Scully," said the major, clearing his throat and waving his stubby hand deprecatingly. "I have already had me reward in having the pleasure and honour of making your acquaintance and of coming nearer to those charms which I had alriddy admired from a distance."

"Oh, auntie, listen to that!" cried Clara, and both ladies giggled.

"Not forgetting yours, Miss—Miss—" "Miss Timms," said Mrs. Scully. "My brother's daughter."

"Not forgetting your charms, Miss Timms," continued the major, with a bow and a flourish. "To a lonely man like myself, the very sight of a lady is like dew to a plant. I feel stricken then, madam, vitalised, invigorated." The major puffed out his chest and looked apologetically tender over his high white collar.

"The chief object of me visit," the old soldier said after a pause, "was to learn whether I could be of any assistance to ye in any way. After your sad bereavement, of which I have heard, it may be that even a comparative stranger may be of service in business matters."

"I'm sure it's very kind of you, major," the widow answered. "Since poor Jack died everything has been in disorder. If it wouldn't trouble you, I should very much like your advice on some future occasion. I'll ask your opinion when I have cleared up things a little myself. As to these lawyers, they think of their own interests, not of yours."

"Quite so," said the major sympathetically. "There's the fifteen hundred of poor Jack's insurance. That's not laid out yet."

"Fifteen hundred!" said the major; "That's seventy-five pounds a year at five per cent."

"I can get better interest than that," said the widow gaily. "I've got a thousand laid out at seven per cent—haven't I, Clara?"

"Safe, too," said the girl.

"The deuce you have!" thought the major. "So, when we are making arrangements, I'll ask your assistance and advice, Major Tangleboots. I know that we poor women are very bad at business."

"I shall look forward to the day," said the major gallantly, rising and taking up his hat. He was very well satisfied with his little ruse and his success in breaking the ice.

"Be George!" he remarked to Von Baumer that evening, "she's got money as well as her looks. It's a lucky man that gets her."

"I'll bet dat you ask her for to marry you," Von Baumer said with a smile.

"I'll bet that she refuses me if I do," answered the major despondently, in spite of which he retired that night feeling considerably more elated than on the preceding evening.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

BACK IN BOHEMIA.

Fortune had been smiling upon the Bohemians of late. Ever since the major's successful visit to Fenchurch-street he had been able to live in a state of luxury to which he had long been unaccustomed. His uncle, the earl, too, had condescended to think of his humble relative, and had made a small provision for him, which, with his other resources, removed all anxiety as to the future. Von Baumer had his fair share in this sudden accession of prosperity. The German had resumed his situation as commercial clerk and foreign correspondent to Eckermann and Co., so that his circumstances had also improved. The pair had even had some conversation as to the expediency of migrating into larger and more expensive lodgings, but the major's increasing intimacy with his fair neighbour opposite stood in the way of a change. In any case, they were loth to leave their fourth floor, and to have the trouble of moving their effects.

These same effects were the pride of Major Clutterbuck's heart. Small as their sanctum was, it was a very museum of curious objects brought from every part of the world, most of them of little intrinsic value, but all possessing a charm of association to their owner. They were his trophies of travel, battle, and the chase. From the bison rug and tiger skin upon the floor to the great Sumatran bat which hung head downwards, as in the days of its earthly existence, from the ceiling, there was not an object but had its own special history. In one corner from the southern seas, and a carved Indian paddle, a Kaffir assegai, and an American blowpipe, with its little sheaf of poisoned arrows. Here was a hookah, richly mounted, and with all due accessories, just as it was presented to the major twenty years before by a Mahomedan chieftain, and there was a high Mexican saddle on which he had ridden through the land of the Aztecs. There was not a square another trifle as old traveller's gear round the foot of the walls which were adorned by knives, javelins, Malay kreesees, Chinese opium pipes, and such other trifles as old travellers gather round their fires.

By the side of the fire rested the campaigner's straight regulation sword in its dim sheath—all the dinner because the companions occasionally used it as a poker when that instrument happened to be missing.

"It's not the value of them," the major remarked, glancing round the apartment, "but, bedad, there's not one of the lot that has not got a story tacked on to it. Look at that bear's head, for instance. That's a grinning bear from a Newfoundland dog, but as fierce as a grizzly. That's the very one that clawed Charley Travers, of the 49th. Gad, he'd have been done for if I hadn't got me Westley Richards to bear on him. 'Duck, man; duck!' I cried, for they were so mixed that I couldn't tell one from the other. He put his head down, and I caught the brute right between the eyes. Ye can see the track of the bullet on the bone."

The major paused, and the pair smoked meditatively, for Baumer had returned from the City, and the twilight was falling and everything beside to tobacco and the revelling of the bottles.

"See that neckpiece of cowrie shells hanging behind it," continued the veteran, waving his cigarette in that direction; "that came from the neck of a Hottentot woman—a black Venus, be Jove! We were trekking up country before the second Kaffir war. Made an appointment—could not go—orderly duty—so sent a trusty man to tell her. He was found next day with twenty assegais in his body. She was a decoy duck, bedad, and the whole thing a plant."

"Mein Gott!" Von Baumer ejaculated. "What a life you have led! I have lived with you now many months and heard you tell many tales, but ever dere are fresh ones."

"Yes, a strange life," answered the major, stretching out his gaunt legs and gazing up at the ceiling. "I never thought to be stranded in me old age. If I hadn't committed I'd have had a fair pension, but I drew me money in a lump sum, and went to Monte Carlo to break the bank. Instead of that the bank broke me, and yet I believe me system was correct enough, and I must have won if I had had more capital."

"There is me," Von Baumer said, "granted Von Baumer doubtfully says dat," granted Von Baumer doubtfully.

"I believe it for all that," the major continued. "Why, man, I was always the luckiest chap at cards. I depended on me skill principally, but still I had luck as well. I remember once being becalmed for a fortnight in the Bay of Biscay in a small transport. Skipper and I tried to kill time by playing nap, and we had the stakes low enough at first, but they soon grew higher, for he kept trying to cover his losses. Before the end of the two weeks I cleared out of him nearly all he had in the world. Look here, Clutterbuck," he said at last, looking mighty white about the udders.

"This ship that we are in is more than half mine. I am chief owner. I'll stake me share of the ship on the next game against all that I have lost. 'Done!' said I, and shuffled, cut, and dealt. He went four on three highest trumps and as

ace, and I held four small trumps. 'It's a bad job for my creditors, he said, as he threw his hand down. Gad, I started on that voyage a poor captain, and I came into port very fairly well off, and sailing in me own ship, too! What d'ye think of that?"

"Wonderful!" ejaculated the German. "And the captain?"

"Brain and delirium tremens," the major said, between the puffs of his cigarette. "Jumped overboard off Finisterre, on the homeward voyage. Shocking thing, gambling—when ye lose."

"Ach Gott! And dose two knives upon the wall, the straight one and the one with the crook; is dere a history about dem?"

"An incident!" the major answered languidly. "Curious, but true. Saw it myself. In the Afghan war I was conveying supplies through the passes, when we were set upon by Aferees, hillmen and robbers. I had fifty men of the 27th Native Infantry under me, with a sergeant. Among the Aferees was a thumping big chief, who stood among the rocks with that very knife in his hand, the long one, shouting insults at our fellows. Our sergeant was a smart little nigger, and this cheek set his blood up. He jabbers, he chucked his gun down, pulled out that curved dagger—a Ghoorka knife it is—and made for the big hill man. Both sides stopped firing to see the two chaps fight. As our fellow came scrambling up over the rocks, the chief ran at him and thrust with all his strength. Be jabbers, I thought I saw the point of the blade come out through the sergeant's back. He managed to twist round though, so as to dodge it. At the same time he hit up from below, and the hillman sprang into the air looking for all the world like one of those open sheep you see outside a butcher's shop. He was ripped up from stomach to throat. The sight knocked all the fight out of the other spalpeens, and they tuk to their heels as hard as they could run. I tuk the dead man's knife away, and the sergeant sold me his for a few rupees, so there they are. Not much to make a story of, but it was interesting to see. I'd have bet five to three on the chief."

"Bad discipline, very bad," Baumer remarked. "To break the ranks and run mit knives would make my old Unter-officer Kritzer very mad indeed." The German had served his time in the Prussian Army, and was still mindful of his training.

"Your stiff-backed Pöckelhaube would have had a poor chance in the passes," answered the major. "It was every man for himself there. You might lie, or stand, or do what you liked as long as you didn't run. Discipline goes to pieces in a war of that sort."

"Dat is what you call gorilla warfare," said Von Baumer, with a proud consciousness of having mastered an English idiom. "For all that, discipline is a very fine thing—very good indeed. I well remember in the great krieger with Austria—we had made a mine and were about to fire it. A sentry had been placed just over this, and after the match was lit it was forgotten to withdraw the man. He knew well that the powder beneath him would presently him into the air, but since he had not been dismissed in right form he remained until the aschbruch had exploded. He was never seen no more, and, indeed, dat he had ever been there might well have been forgotten, had it not been dat his name grew to be found. Dat was a proper soldier, I think, to be placed in command had he lived."

"To be placed in a lunatic asylum if he lived," said the Irishman testily. "Hullo, what's this?"

The "this" was the appearance of the boarding-house slavey with a very neat pink envelope upon a tray, addressed in the most elegant of female hands, to Major Tobias Clutterbuck, late of her Majesty's 119th.

"Ah!" cried Von Baumer, laughing in his red beard. "It is from a woman. You are what the English call a sly hog, a very sly hog—or, I should say dog, though it is much the same."

"It's for ye as well as for me. See here. 'Mrs. Letitia Scully presents her compliments to Major Tobias Clutterbuck and to his friend, Mr. Sigmund Von Baumer, and trusts that they may be able to favour her with their company on Tuesday evening at eight, to meet a few friends.'"

"It's a dance," said the major. "That accounts for the harp and the tables and benches and wine cases sawing into this morning."

"Will ye go?"

"Yes, of course I will, and so shall ye. We'd better answer it."

So in due course an acceptance was sent across to Mrs. Scully's hospitable invitation.

Never was there such a brushing and scrubbing in the bed-room of a couple of quiet bachelors as occurred some two evenings afterwards in the top story of Mrs. Robins' establishment. The major's suit had been pursued unremittingly since his first daring advance upon the widow, but with many difficulties and discouragements. In the many attractive neighbour he became more and more enamoured, but he had no opportunity of ascertaining whether the feeling was mutual. This invitation appeared to promise him the very chance which he desired, and many were the stern resolutions which he formed as he stood in front of his toilet table and arranged his tie and his shirt front to his satisfaction. Von Baumer, who was arrayed in a dress coat of antiquated shape, and very shiny about the joints, sat on the side of the bed, eyeing his companion's irreproachable get-up with awe and admiration.

"It fits you beautiful," he said, alluding to the coat.

"It came from Poole's," answered the major, carelessly.

"As for me," said Von Baumer, "I have never used mine in England at all. Truly, as you know, I hate all dances and dinners. I come mit you however, very willingly, for I would not for nothing in the world give offence to the hostess of my comrades. Since I go, I shall go as a gentleman should. He looked down as he spoke with much satisfaction at his withered suit of black."

"But, me good fellow," cried the major, who had now completed his toilet, "ye've got your tie under your left ear. It looks very quaint and ornamental there, but still it's not quite the place for it. Ye look as if ye were tickled for sale."

"They won't see it unless I puts it out sideways from under my beard," the German said, apologetically. "However, if you think it should be hidden it shall be so. How are my stud-buttons? You have dem of gold, I see, but mine are of me gold-oysters."

"Mother-of-pearl," said the major, laughing. "They will do very well. There's the devil of a lot of cabs at their door," he continued, peering round the corner of the blind. "The rooms are all lighted up, and I can hear them tuning the instruments. Maybe we'd better go across."

"Vorwärts then!" exclaimed Von Baumer resolutely, and the two set off, the major with a fixed determination that he should know his fate before the evening was over.

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"To be placed in a lunatic asylum if he lived," said the Irishman testily. "Hullo, what's this?"

The "this" was the appearance of the boarding-house slavey with a very neat pink envelope upon a tray, addressed in the most elegant of female hands, to Major Tobias Clutterbuck, late of her Majesty's 119th.

"Ah!" cried Von Baumer, laughing in his red beard. "It is from a woman. You are what the English call a sly hog, a very sly hog—or, I should say dog, though it is much the same."

"It's for ye as well as for me. See here. 'Mrs. Letitia Scully presents her compliments to Major Tobias Clutterbuck and to his friend, Mr. Sigmund Von Baumer, and trusts that they may be able to favour her with their company on Tuesday evening at eight, to meet a few friends.'"

"It's a dance," said the major. "That accounts for the harp and the tables and benches and wine cases sawing into this morning."

"Will ye go?"











of another solicitor. B. L.—1. Yes. 2. His income must be at least £150

E. R.—The landlord is only liable for income-tax, unless otherwise provided in the agreement.

ESTHER.—Your claim appears to be against the wife only, as she engaged you to assist in a business carried on in her separate name.

HOGARTH.—There is no fixed price. It can only be arrived at by the usual process of bargaining.

J. W.—He is still alive.

J. H.—Inquire at the American Exchange, Charing Cross.

GERSTUDE.—Lee, the Rabbicomo murderer, is undergoing the sentence of penal servitude for life which was mercifully commuted to the death penalty, the original sentence.

INQUISITIVE.—The full census return gives a very minute classification of the population by professions, trades, and callings.

J. S. S.—If the machine has been lying by, run paraffin through it all the frictional parts. Lubricate with good machine oil before using. Begin with say ten mile rides, and gradually lengthen. The proper sort of lamp oil can be obtained at any cyclo depot.

MORTS CHAIR.—Yes.

A POOR SUFFERER.—You had better inquire at St. Peter's Hospital, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden.

MANLEY.—We cannot say whether they are obtainable in London.

JUSTICE IN HOSPITAL.—It is an advertisement, and cannot, therefore, be admitted into this column.

AVON.—Declined with thanks.

W. G. B.—As you have no proof of the debt, you had better write off as a loss.

B. G. MILLER.—Declined with thanks.

W. H. M.—It has four Parliamentary divisions, and returns one member for each.

W. H. M.—I cannot say where you would be most likely to find a second-hand machine of the sort. There are very few on sale. We should not recommend the road sculler, as the use of the legs is required as well as of the arms.

DELICATE.—The leather handbag would be likely to prove a drug in the South African market.

A. WALLIS.—We do not give either addresses or recommendations. Consult the London Directory and make your own selection.

E. LESTER.—We cannot comply with your request, nor is it within our province to put people in the way of securing outlandish goods.

VERAT.—The loss of weight may proceed from one of many causes, or from several combined. You should at once consult a doctor.

F. OER.—"Eugene Aram" was dramatised by Mr. W. G. Wills, and produced at the Lyceum in 1875, with Mr. Irving as the hero, and Miss Rachel Bateman as Ruth Manders. It was revived at the Lyceum in 1879, and played by Mr. Irving in America in 1885.

REMARKS CLUB.—The date is not given in our obituary of distinguished Englishmen. Perhaps the compiler may have considered it somewhat unworthy of mention. We are rather of that opinion.

**CLARISSA.**—There is no emporium of the sort in London, so far as we know. It is altogether beyond our power to estimate the cost of obtaining one from America.

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**SENSATIONAL TRAGEDY IN AMERICA.**

A terrible tragedy has just been enacted at Rome, Georgia. Mr. Allgood, a prominent citizen of great wealth, having been shot dead by his brother-in-law, Dr. Holmes, a leading local physician. It seems that there has been a long-standing quarrel between the two about business matters, and the dispute having recently become acutely aggravated, Allgood went to the office of Dr. Holmes in the latter's absence on a hunting trip, and was refused admittance. On entering the office the doctor saw Allgood was armed, and knew instantly that a fight was unavoidable. Drawing his own revolver, he advanced towards his brother-in-law and fired before the latter could discharge his weapon. The shot tore Allgood's neck, and he fell, but struggling again to his feet he levelled his revolver at Holmes and tried again to fire. Before he could accomplish his purpose he was told dead. The courts have exonerated Holmes holding that he fired in self-defence.

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Mr. P. M. Llewellyn, a retired Indian planter of Penzance, near Tenby, has been accidentally killed while rabbit shooting.

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At a meeting of the Cork Board of Guardians on Thursday last, a letter was read from the Local Government Board of Ireland enclosing a sealed order dissolving the board, and appointing paid guardians to discharge the duties of the union.

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**ANIMALCULÆ IN THE BLOOD.**

**A**NIMALCULÆ, having found a resting-place in the blood do so once, unless prevented by a healthy state of the vital fluid, or by reason of precautionary measures taken, commence to breed and multiply there, causing some of the innumerable variety of symptoms, profligate of suffering, or horrible discomfort, and paralyzing of all enjoyment of life.

These parasites are ruler-shaped animalcules, named "hooklets," and of whom it may be said they are like a bunch of diseased flesh and yet be unmon of the naked eye. They are borne to us by every waft of wind from foreign courts and alleys where disease is rife, and are carried by currents in the air across continents from countries where contagious or epidemic disease is prevalent, as in the present epidemic of Russian Influenza. They are contained in the food and drink we swallow, and would, indeed, be destructive to life itself were it not, by the merciful provision of God, that we can only continue to exist and multiply where there is impure blood or foul humours in the system upon which these "hooklets" may fasten, feed, and fatten.

By the flow of blood, which is swift and pure, because healthy, these parasitical germs are borne out of the body. But once left the blood becomes fermented or otherwise diseased, and the parasites, finding a more fertile soil, will be the cause of Fraser's Sulphur Tablets poison what termed an alternative power,—*i.e.*, they combat the germ of the disease, and transform it from a poisonous to an innocuous shape, and then, lest trouble might occur again, they make provision for the extermination and excretions of animalcules from the body. Keep Fraser's Sulphur Tablets in the house, and occasionally use and administering them, you and your family may defy contagion and epidemic disease, such as Influenza, Small-pox, Cholera, Measles, Typhoid and Eruptive Fevers, &c. They so sweeten and purify the blood as to render it incapable of forming a permanent lodgment or breeding-ground for disease, animalcule, and parasitical germs.

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germs from the blood into the tissue, bones, and muscular structure. We don't see the seeds, but we see their crop off enough in the form of diseased flesh, nervous and brain disorders, and a deranged stomach or liver. The blood is, or should be, constantly being replenished from the stomach by nutrient extracted from food; the nutrient essence is then absorbed into the body to replace the loss and waste that is going on. If the nutrient and poisons in the blood; they are not there to restore and heal the ravages already inflicted by disease. For all disorders and Skin Disease, arising from corrupt blood, such as Acne, Eczema, and Psoriasis, Scrofula, Kozema, Erysipelas, Acne, Rheumatism, &c., they are so easily remedied, soothing, curative, and safe, while their influence is so beneficial to the blood, and so powerful in its general and stimulative of impaired functions. By their emollient yet sudorific influence on the pores of the skin they remove the seeds of many complaints by expelling them from the perspiration.

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**REVOLVER PRACTICE IN A COURT-  
HOUSE.**  
A terrible affair is reported from Galveston.

Texas. Some months ago murderous riots occurred in Fortbend county, between two parties calling themselves respectively "Jayhawkers" and "Woodpeckers." The participants in these fights were many of them arrested, and were to have been tried at Galveston. Just as the judge had entered the court-house and the trial was about to commence, a man named Gibson, a "Jayhawker," fired a revolver at Kyle Terry, a nephew of the late Judge Terry, of California. "Joan Terry, who was a prominent beauty, and a woman instantly fell dead with a bullet in his brain." "The 'Jayhawkers' immediately followed Gibson's lead, and bullets whizzed among the people in court, many of whom were wounded. The judge himself narrowly escaped, only saving himself by a hasty retreat from the bench." Several "Jayhawkers" were subsequently arrested, Gibson being among them.

**MAX O'RELL ON HIS METHODS OF WORK.**

In the course of a recent interview, Max O'Rell said he had now no plan or intention of writing another book. "Still, he added, I may get numerous motives during my journey. I always keep a diary. Everyday I make notes of what I have seen, heard, and learned, the people I have met, and the characteristics which strike me as peculiar. When my journey is over, I will write up my new notebook. If I have enough to write a book I do it. My diary is not always so fruitful as I would wish. I travelled in Germany several months last year and took notes religiously. My publisher was particularly anxious to have me write a book upon the Fatherland, as it would doubtless have a good sale. But when I read my notes, after returning to Paris I discovered that I had nothing to make a book of. It is, you know, exceedingly difficult for a Frenchman to write about Germany without being biased.

speaking of his book, "Brother Jonathan," Mr. Blouet said that he was greatly pleased at the success which it had had. "Already 47,000 copies had been sold in Paris," he added, "35,000 in London, and more than 100,000 in America. The sale in America is gratifying. It shows that the book has been received in the spirit in which it was written. No right-minded American can take offence at the opinions expressed in this book. I desired to offend nobody." Mr. Blouet has given up his residence in Paris, and lives at present in London. After his present tour is ended he intends to devote himself entirely to literary work.

### SENTENCES AT THE OLD BAILEY

At the Central Criminal Court on Saturday, Francis Stein, who had pleaded guilty to a charge of assault occasioning actual bodily harm, was brought up and sentenced to two months' imprisonment without hard labour.—Henry D. the bride who had been convicted of a rape upon her own daughter, a girl—recently returned from the United States—was sentenced to eight years' penal servitude.—The prisoners Ballard, Brockett, and Gunner, who had also been convicted of rape, were sentenced to seven years penal servitude. This concluded the business and the court adjourned to Monday, February 3.

At a meeting of the Norwich Triennial Festival Committee it was resolved to hold the next festival in October, from the 14th to the 17th inclusive.

Mr. H. M. Stanley is announced to deliver his fifth lecture in London, under the auspices of the Central Young Men's Christian Association, at Exeter Hall.

Prince William of Hesse-Philippsthal, son-in-law of the late Elector, died last week at Castle of Rothenburg, at the age of 53.

On Saturday an accident occurred at the Dorset Radical Club. A man named Henry Stephens, residing at Deptford Green, was proceeding down a lofty flight of stairs when he missed footing, falling heavily to the ground. He picked up and conveyed in an ambulance to Miller Hospital, Greenwich-road, where surgical examination it was found he had sustained serious injuries.

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## LAST WEEK'S POLICE.

## Mansions House.

**PELONIOUS LOTTIERING.**—James Hicks, 23, ticket-of-leave man, and Edward Radley, 26, were charged with lottiering with intent to commit a felony. Radley was further charged with stealing a roll of cloth, value £5, the property of Messrs. Viley, manufacturers' agents, of 17, Old Change. On the 8th inst., Fitzgerald and Davis, two City police officers, observed the two prisoners lottiering in a suspicious manner in St. Paul's Church-yard, and after watching them for some time arrested them. Radley was then identified as the person seen lottiering close to a trolley from which the roll of cloth, value £5, was stolen on the morning of the 8th inst. To this charge Radley pleaded guilty, and he was sentenced to four months' hard labour. The other prisoner, Hicks, who has an unexpired term of penal servitude to undergo, was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

## Guildhall.

**ALLEGED FORGERY.**—Charles William Moulden, 18, of Lote-road, Chelsea, described as a clerk, formerly in the employ of Mr. Strauss, Jeweller, of Holborn, was charged with forgery as a servant, also with forgery. Detective-sergeant Mitchell stated that on Friday afternoon, accompanied by Detective Reper, he went to a house in Lote-road, where the prisoner resided with his mother. He saw the prisoner, and said to him, "I am a police officer. Your late employer, Mr. Strauss, has preferred a charge against you of stealing on the 4th of January a cheque for £15, and also of forging the endorsement to it." The prisoner said that Mr. Strauss had told him that if he made a full confession no proceedings would be taken against him. Witness then conveyed him to Snow Hill Police Station, where he was charged by Mr. Strauss. In reply to the charge he said, "Yes, I took the cheque."—Sir Andrew Lusk remanded him.

## Bow-street.

**EXTRAORDINARY AFFILIATION CASE.**—Edward Regan, a porter, appeared before Mr. Bridge to show cause why he should not be adjudged the father and made to contribute to the support of the illegitimate child of Elizabeth Newman, the complainant, who looked much older, said she was 38 years of age. She had been married, but did not know whether she was now or not. She had been separated seventeen years from her husband. The child, of which the prisoner was the father, was born in January last, and the prisoner left her in October, after selling up her "beautiful home." She had £150 when she went to live with the prisoner, but he had spent all that for her in less than three years. While living with her he had a child by another woman—a much younger woman—and was ordered to pay £4 a week. After he left her he went and married this other woman. In answer to Mr. Bernard Wilson, who appeared for the defence, she said she had four children by her husband, but none of them were now living. She did not know her husband was still alive, and was living in Queen-street, Seven Dials. He was only 38 years old. Defendant: Forty-eight years old, more or less. What is the defendant's wife doing? He is in constant work at Cross and Blackwell's, making jam. He has married the girl and since had another child by her, and last year buried his daughter, a beautiful girl, only 16 years old, which this man brutally knocked about by throwing jars and plates at her. Mr. Bridge: Let the defendant be sworn.—The defendant then entered the witness-box. He said he now lived at 24, Goldsmith's Buildings, Drury-lane. He had two children and had been married six months. Mr. Bridge: Are you the father of this child? Defendant: Well, I don't know. I may be, and then again I may not. (Laughter.) Her husband is living now down the next two turnings at Tommy Farmer's lodgings, as they call them. And besides, this woman has a son old enough to be my brother.—Mr. Bridge: Why did you go and live with a woman old enough to be your grandmother? Defendant: Well, I don't know. Then again she knew all the value of the other girl and needed to pay my fines (meaning the other girl and the defendant's order) as Sergeant White (the gaoler) and that there warranty officer (pointing to one of the summoning officers in court) can prove.—Mr. Bridge: It was very kind of her. Stand down.—Defendant: Where's my hat?—Murgatroyd (the usher): Where you left it, I suppose.—This was so; the defendant found his hat on the ledge opposite where the defendants usually stand.—Mr. Wilson called two witnesses to prove that the husband was alive still. One of these said his name was Anne Bolen—she meant to say Anne Bryan. She knew the complainant as Mrs. Cooper. She didn't know her husband. The other, a Mrs. Lundy, said she always knew Mrs. Newman as Mrs. Cooper. She remembered the time when she got married.—Mr. Bridge: Oh, you do?—Witness: Faith, yes, and I saw Mr. Cooper only yesterday.—This being all the evidence, Mr. Bridge said the case showed a pitiful display of woman's folly and man's baseness. There could be nothing worse than that a woman whose husband was dead—as it appeared he was—was in this case—should take up with a man much younger than herself, especially when she had children by her husband and was comfortably off. However, the complainant had spent all her money, and at the same time he was carrying on with another woman, by whom he had a child, and the complainant paid all his "fines," as he called them. Then, when he had sucked the orange dry, he threw it away. What folly in woman, and what brutality and base ingratitude in man. Five shillings a week and costs.

## Marlborough-street.

**RESISTING THE POLICE.**—William Gosling, from Bethnal Green, was charged with resisting the police in the execution of their duty.—At half past one o'clock on Saturday morning, as the police van from Holloway Gaol was passing down the mews to the station at the rear of the court, the prisoner jumped on to the step behind, and tried to pull the window down, at the same time calling out something to the effect of the prisoners inside. Sergeant Victor Delaplace, 7 C, who was in charge of the van, and William Kimber, the stationer, pulled the prisoner off, and when the vehicle was backed into the coach-house, he tried to enter the place, saying that he had a right to be there. Constable James Green said the driver, however, told him a different story, and, taking him by the collar, pushed him back into the mews.—Mr. Newton sent him to prison for seven days, and in the afternoon he was sent in the van to Holloway.

**GRASS CHARGE.**—Mary Ann Chapman, middle-aged, was charged with having administered a noxious drug to a girl named Harriet Jane Stubbings, for an unlawful purpose, was discharged, the evidence not being sufficient to support a conviction.

## Marylebone.

**ALLEGED SHOPLIFTING.**—Selina Mayer, 45, and Florence Edith Mayer, 18, two well-dressed women, said to be mother and daughter, residing at Shepherd's Bush-road, were charged before Mr. Cooke with stealing six yards of muslin, twelve yards of lace, and twenty-nine pieces of ribbon, worth £1 8s, the property of Mr. William Owen, general draper, of 12, Westbourne Grove, Bayswater. There was a further charge of stealing thirteen pieces of lace, five pieces of ribbon, two pieces of trimming, four feathers, and four flowers, valued at £1 14s 7d, belonging to Mr. William Whiteley, of Westbourne Grove. Mr. Humphreys, solicitor, prosecuted; and Mr. Freke Palmer, 2, solicitor, defended.—The evidence went to show that Thursday was "reunited" day at Mr. Whiteley's and Mr. Owen's firms. The prisoners went to Mr. Owen's and made purchases to be paid for on delivery. Subsequently they were in Mr. Whiteley's establishment, and as there was quite a block in the ribbon department, W. C. Smith, one of the employes, asked the prisoners and some others to move away from

a particular corner in the shop. As the Mayers did so, Smith saw several remnants of ribbon fall on to the floor. He picked them up, and as he did so he saw the prisoners trying to pick up the ribbon, and he saw them put pieces of ribbon into their pockets. He followed them into another department, and courteously asked to see the contents of the bag, as he said a mistake had been made. Mrs. Mayer said she had no ribbon in her bag, and added that there was nothing in the bag belonging to him. The prisoners were then ushered into a private room, and when the bag was opened it was found to contain two small parcels which had been purchased and paid for at Mr. Owen's, and, in addition, all the articles mentioned in the two charges now preferred against them. All the articles bore the labels of the firms. It was pointed out that the goods which the prisoners had paid for were in paper parcels, but the remainder were loose, and so far as Mr. Owen's charge was concerned there was no bill for them.

When questioned, the elder prisoner said she intended sending the goods to her mother, and asked about the ribbon. Mrs. Mayer said she had paid for it, and afterwards said she had not paid for anything. Detective-sergeants Wright and Thompson, F Division, were present, and when Mr. Owen spoke of charging the prisoners, one of them offered to pay for the goods twice over, and the other suggested the police station a piece of ribbon was found in Mrs. Mayer's jacket pocket, out of paper. The officers afterwards examined the prisoners' houses, and in it found a very large quantity of property similar to that now produced, bearing the labels of several firms.—The case preferred by Mr. Whiteley was not gone into, and the prisoners were remanded.

**A SAD CASE.**—A youth named George Augustus Luckhardt, aged 18, was charged on remand with stealing a hall clock, worth £4, belonging to Miss Dora Burley, a lady residing at 6, Melbury-terrace, Dorset-square; also with stealing a gold brooch, a gold watch, and a gold Albert chain, to which was attached a half sovereign, belonging to Miss Hodgson, of 49, Balcombe-street.—The prisoner's father is a watchmaker and jeweller, living in Boston-street, Marylebone. Miss Burley had the clock repaired by the prisoner's father, and after he had returned it the prisoner called and got the watch and chain, which had been on the mantel-shelf. The jewellery was afterwards found pledged at different pawnbrokers. When arrested he said his father would not have to suffer for what he had done.—Detective Webb, D Division, said that during the remand the father's business had suffered severely as the result of his son's misconduct, and the whole of the circumstances had preyed upon his mind that on Thursday he attempted to poison himself, and he was now a patient in St. Bartholomew's Hospital. The prisoner had admitted the thefts, and had given information as to where he pawned the property. Witness was present at the sessions in the October of 1888, when the prisoner was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment, after a previous conviction for housebreaking.—Mr. Cooke committed the prisoner for trial.

## Clerkenwell.

**BURGLARY AT ILKINGTON.**—George Wilson, 23, described as a horsekeeper, of no fixed abode, and Frederick Stripling, 24, a ticket-of-leave man, of Roman-road, Barnsbury, were charged before Mr. Brooks with breaking and entering a warehouse in Rhodes-street, Islington, and stealing therein a handbag, two bottles of sauce, one tin of lobster, a tin of sardines, two cash-boxes, one pound in bronze money, and other articles of the value of £2 10s, the property of John Peay, a drayman, of the office to the warehouse.—Police-constable 576 Y said from information received he went to the prosecutor's premises on Friday night. He heard a noise in the office. Seeing no light in the premises, he examined the warehouse door, and found that it had been forced. He obtained assistance and waited outside the premises. The prisoner Wilson subsequently opened the front door, but, seeing witness, ran back into the warehouse. Witness entered the passage and warehouse. Stripling then ran by him, but he (witness) managed to secure him, and held both men until the arrival of Police-constable 431 Y. On the way to the station Wilson pulled a jemmy from his breast pocket, and, handing it to witness, said, "Here, take this; I shall not want it for a year or two." All the property, identified by the prosecutor, was thrown down on the floor of the warehouse by the prisoners just before they were captured.—Inspector Young said that at the police station he took the cheque-book from Wilson. The marks on the front door of the premises corresponded with a screwdriver found in the warehouse, and those on the safe with a centre bit found in the office, together with a drill. Other tools and keys were found in the possession of the prisoners.—Mr. Brooks committed the prisoners for trial at the London Sessions.

## Thames.

**A CHARGE OF ARSON.**—John Moore, aged 46, was charged with setting fire to a dwelling-house.—Inspector George Henry Dixon, H Division, said that at six p.m. on the 6th of December he received information that a fire had occurred at 69, Cadiz-street, known as the Victoria beerhouse, consisting of five rooms and a bar. On examining the place, he found the contents more or less damaged by fire and the roof of the building was seriously in the occupation of Mr. John Wilson, a beer retailer, who was there when witness arrived, and he answered the questions put to him.—In answer to Mr. Sayers, chief clerk, the witness said he was unable to get upstairs, but they could see from below. The fire was supposed to have arisen from a spark, and must have occurred in the bar parlour or the stairs adjacent. He did not see the prisoner there.—The next witness refused to take the oath, and said that it was all false what he had stated about the prisoner.—Mr. Lushington said if she declined to be sworn he should have to send her to prison.—The witness still persisted in refusing to take the oath, and Mr. Lushington said he should certainly send her to gaol.—Sergeant Albert Pearce said that at 5.30 on the 17th of January he went to No. 10, Frost-street, Spitalfields, where he saw the prisoner in bed in a back room on the ground floor, and told him he should arrest him for setting fire to the Victoria beerhouse, Cadiz-street, Stepney, on the 6th of December last. He said he knew nothing about that matter, and was not out of the house that day. At the police station the statement made by Margaret Reardon was read to him, and he said he had never worked for Mr. Wilson, and had only seen him two or three times. He added that he had done some odd jobs for him. On Thursday before the fire he took a picture to a house in a street near Devonshire-road, but denied that he was out on the Saturday. He further said that he did not put any paraffin in the cellar, and had never been in Mr. Wilson's cellar.—In answer to Mr. Lushington, the witness said Margaret Reardon was the person who made the statement. When the prisoner was charged she said the prisoner had burnt his hand

on the night of the fire. Witness examined his hand and found a scar there, apparently having been caused by a burn, and he said he did not know how he came by it.—Mr. Lushington put the prisoner back for a summons to be taken out against Reardon to compel her to appear.

**TWO CONVICTION OF "GENERAL" BOOTS.**—The solicitor for "General" William Booth, who had been fined for keeping a common lodging-house without the same being registered, applied to Mr. Lushington to grant a writ.—Mr. Lushington said he found this Act intended to apply to lodging-houses where the poorer class of people were received for short periods, and although strangers slept in one common room. The evidence given was exactly to that effect, and he did not think that the fact that it was done for the sake of charity was at all relevant to the matter. It was a common lodging-house, and a case for the magistrate to decide. He, therefore, must refuse to grant a writ.

## West London.

**"THE PROPER TIME TO DO."**—A married woman complained that she was accused of living with her husband.—Mr. Curtis Bennett (who appeared for the accused) asked at the complaint: It is the proper thing to do. (Laughter.) The Applicant: He (the person of whom she complained) says I am not married.—Mr. Curtis Bennett (laughing): That is another thing altogether. You must go to the High Court of Justice.—The applicant left the court apparently not satisfied with the result of the appeal to the magistrate.

**ALLEGED MANSLAUGHTER.**—Robert Dixon, a bricklayer, surrendered to his bail to answer the charge of causing the death of his father-in-law, Richard Seago, of Mendon-road, Fulham.—The prisoner was first charged with assaulting the deceased, who was removed to the West London Hospital, where he died on the day of the remand. It appeared that prisoner, who lived in the same road, went to the house of the deceased on the 4th inst., and asked his mother-in-law to pay him £4 which she owed him. She said she would pay him when she saw him, and he attempted to strike her. Other words followed, and he attempted to strike her. The deceased stepped between them and received the blows. He fell, and became unconscious. He was removed to the hospital, where he died on the following Monday night.—The prisoner: I never struck him at all. He said, "I'll go for you." I pushed him with my hand, and he fell.—Mr. Curtis Bennett (to the widow of deceased): Did you give him any blow? The widow said: No, sir.—Prisoner: I go for you.—The widow said her husband never spoke to the prisoner. He only put up his hand to ward off the blow aimed at her.—Mr. McCann, house surgeon at West London Hospital, said deceased died from an injury to the brain caused by the fall, but greatly predisposed by the condition of the blood-vessels.—Inspector Young said he deposed that the prisoner said at the time he was arrested, "I did not want to do this; I pushed him, and he fell."—Mr. Curtis Bennett committed him for trial, and liberated him on bail.

## Westminster.

**A VIOLENT WOMAN.**—Jane Shields, 46, married, was charged on a warrant, before Mr. Sheil, with wilfully damaging the pipes and fittings of the house, 75, North-street, Chelsea, where she resided.—Mr. George Green Symons, the landlord, said the prisoner was really living on his premises as a trespasser, she having remained after the person to whom the place was let had given up possession. He found that she had pulled down a quantity of new piping, and broken up and thrown in the back yard a sanitary apparatus which would cost at least £3 to replace.—Prisoner (laughing): It was no good.—George Myers, a man living in the house, said he saw the prisoner commit the damage on Thursday. She laughed while doing it, and seemed to regard it as a good joke.—Mr. Sheil: It is a joke I don't see the point of.—Dengate, one of the police officers, said when he took the prisoner, or, as she called him, when he was lying on a bed drunk. Her husband was a pensioner from the 2nd Life Guards in an asylum, and she drew his pension. While it lasted she was usually in the condition he found her. She said, with an oath, that she would break the house down, and kicked and bit like a mad woman on the way to the station.—Mr. Sheil sentenced her to two months' hard labour.

**SINGULAR CHARGE OF THEFT.**—Emily Wilkinson, a girl of 18, described as a shoe-binder, of Brunswick-place, Westminster, was charged with the unlawful possession of a blue velvet coat, a muffler, a quantity of silver, and a silk handkerchief.—On the morning of the charge the prisoner was seen by Detectives Beard and Douglas to leave her father's house in Brunswick-place carrying a bundle, and to enter a bus, on which they got outside. The girl alighted at the Broad Sanctuary, and interrogated as to where she got the parcel, she stated that she was carrying it to Charing Cross for a man she did not know. The bundle was found to consist of a coat, in one of the pockets of which were a blue velvet coat, a muffler, and a silver watch. Besides a prisoner was wearing a large detachable pocket, containing a broken silver sugar after, a spoon and other spoons, some marked with a crest of a rampant lion holding a key.—Mr. Sheil remanded the prisoner, binding over the witnesses to attend the sessions.

## Southwark.

**CONVICTION UNDER THE CHILDREN'S PROTECTION ACT.**—Thomas Charles Bick, a clerk, of 17, Clarkson-place, near the House-lane, Peckham, was committed at the instance of Inspector Lowe, under the Act of last session for the better protection of children, for having, on the 1st of January, unlawfully caused his child, Ernest Blake, a boy of 9 years, to be in certain premises licensed for the sale of intoxicating liquor for the purpose of offering for sale certain newspapers after the hour of ten p.m.—It appeared that the defendant's son was sent to enter the Dover tea-house, Westminster, and being taken into custody he stated that he was sent out to do so by his father, who was out of work. The child, a very intelligent one, was examined at the instance of the magistrate, and he stated that his father knew he went from one public-house to another to sell the newspapers. The defendant said he did not know where he was doing any public-house, and he did not think he was doing any wrong in letting him go out to sell the things. He had since these proceedings obtained a situation, and had not repeated the offence.—Mr. Fenwick said it was important that the provisions of the Act should be rigorously enforced, and fined defendant 40s., or fourteen days' hard labour.

## INQUESTS.

**TWO MEN DROWNED IN THE THAMES.**—Mr. Wynne E. Baxter held an inquest at the Working Lads' Institute, Whitechapel, respecting the death of Thomas Carey, aged 45, a seaman on board the Cork ss. Unupa, now lying in the London and St. Katharine Dock.—Bridget Leary, the wife of a labourer, living at 23, Wellclose-square, deposed that deceased was her brother-in-law, and on Wednesday he came to her home. After they had had a cup of tea, she went with him to the dock and bid him good-bye at the gate. He was sober but appeared sleepy, as he said he had been on watch all the previous night.—William Hayes, a waterman, of 7, St. George's-street, stated that he was near Alderman Stairs when deceased came to the water's edge and asked for a boat to take him to the Unupa. There being no boat handy witness went to fetch one, but on his return the deceased had disappeared.—Thomas Moss, a waterman, deposed to recovering the body near the spot where the man was last seen. There were no marks of violence on the body or any appearance of a struggle.—The witness Hayes recalled, said he had heard that the deceased was seen in Wapping as late as 11.30 p.m., which would be some hours after witness missed

him.—The jury remarked that the case was most suspicious, and returned an open verdict of found dead.—Mr. Baxter also held an inquest at the Vestry Hall, Wapping, respecting the death of Frederick Jenkins, aged 33, a Customs House officer, lately living at 25, Bircham-street, Bromley-by-Bow.—William Edward Cole, also a Customs officer, said that on the 22nd of December the deceased rowed him to the steamship New Glen, and waited in the boat till witness had done his business. It was raining at the time, so deceased sat in the stern of the boat with a tarpaulin over his head. On witness being ready to return he called out and deceased jumped up quickly, and in doing so slipped and fell over the side of the boat into the water. Assistance was rendered but the man sank and disappeared, nothing further being heard of him till Wednesday, when his body was recovered off Wapping Stairs.—A verdict of accidental death was returned.

**VERDICT OF WILFUL MURDER.**—Mr. Carttar held an inquest at the Trinity Arms, Church-street, Deptford, on the body of a male child, unknown.—Dennis McCarthy, of 85, Railway Grove, New Cross, deposed that he found the child in a brown apron and pillow case. He handed it over to a police-constable.—Mr. C. E. Duff, surgeon, of High-street, Deptford, said he had made a post mortem examination of the body, which was that of a newly-born male child. He found two fractures of the skull, one at the back and the other on the crown of the head. The child died from ten to twenty-four hours, and died from fracture of the skull from violence. He thought there had been two distinct blows with a large flat-headed hammer. There were no signs of drowning. Thought the body had not been in the water more than a week. On the corner of the pillow case was a check patch, but nothing to lead to identification.—The jury returned a verdict of wilful murder against some person or persons unknown.

**BRAWLS AND A WIDOW.**—Dr. Danford Thomas held an inquest at the St. Pancras Coroner's Court, touching the death of Mary Mabey, aged 43, the widow of Charles Mabey, an ostler, lately living at 34, Cromer-street, Gray's Inn-road.—Mary Sadler, a daughter, living at 131, Vauxhall-street, S.W., deposed that her father had been dead eight years, and since then her mother had cohabited with a man named Henry Parker. She last saw her mother alive in September, when she complained of his ill treatment. She then had bruises on the face. The witness heard last that the deceased had been ill and had been found dead in bed.—By the Coroner: She thought her mother had been ill-used.—Ann Cockburn, a friend of deceased, said that Mrs. Mabey was at times given to intemperance. On Sunday she was fetched by Mr. Parker and found the deceased "huddled up" with her face downwards in the corner of the bed.—Mr. Parker said that he gave her a drink of water at 2.0 a.m., and when he awakened she was dead by his side. She thought quarrels between the deceased and Parker were not serious.—Dr. S. L. Smith deposed that he had examined the body but could find no marks of violence. An internal examination showed death was due to pericarditis and inflammation of the lungs.—Henry Parker, a law writer, said that the quarrels arose when deceased occasionally gave way to drink.—The jury returned a verdict of death from natural causes.

**ONE BABY OVERSEEN BY ANOTHER.**—Mr. John Troutbeck held an inquest at the board-room, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, relative to the death of a female child, 2 days old, the daughter of John Clift, a fishmonger, of 4, Moreton-terrace.—The deceased was in bed with the mother on Wednesday evening and another child, aged 2 years, when, upon the return of the father, between twelve and one o'clock on Thursday morning, he found the older child lying across the younger. Dr. Crane, of Alderney-street, was summoned, and life was pronounced to be extinct, death being due to asphyxia, or suffocation, caused by pressure through being overlaid.—A verdict of accidental death was returned.

**DEATH AT THE WASH-TUB.**—Mr. John Troutbeck held an inquest at the board-room, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, respecting the death of Emma Thompson, aged 43, a widow, which took place suddenly, at 2, St. Leonard's-place, Warwick-street, under sad circumstances.—The deceased, who had been very ill lately, was at work at the wash-tub on Thursday, when her landlady having occasion to go into the washhouse, found deceased lying on the floor on her back, and speechless. Dr. Hault, of Vauxhall Bridge-road, was summoned, and found life to be extinct. A post mortem examination revealed the fact that death was due to syncope from natural causes, and the doctor pointed out that deceased ought to have been in bed and not at work.—A verdict in accordance with the medical evidence was returned.

**MURDER AT LIMEHOUSE.**—Mr. Wynne E. Baxter held an inquest at the Vestry Hall, Mile End Old Town, respecting the death of a newly-born male child, unknown, whose body was found in the street on Thursday.—Inspector Lawrence, K Division, stated that on Thursday he was in St. Paul's-road, Limehouse, about nine o'clock, when he was told by a girl that the body of a child was lying in the gutter. Witness found the body wrapped in a blood-stained napkin, and conveyed it to the police station, where it was seen by the divisional surgeon.—Ada Street, a dressmaker, deposed that her attention was called to the body by her landlady, there were several persons standing by, and witness then told Inspector Lawrence.—Emma Dennis stated that she opened the parcel, and then found that the head of the child had been completely severed, and was lying between the legs. Her daughter told her that she saw a tall thin woman throw the body into the gutter. The time was about quarter to eight then.—Emma Dennis, aged 11, the daughter of the last witness, stated that the woman who threw the parcel into the gutter wore a large apron and a black bodice. She had no hat on her head, and her hair was untidy as though she had just got out of bed.—The doctor's evidence was about to be taken when the coroner's officer informed the coroner that no post mortem examination had been made.

The coroner was accordingly adjourned the autopsy to be made. On re-examining Dr. Horace Crane, 17, East India-road, assistant divisional surgeon, stated that when he examined the body he was of opinion that it had been recently born, and was fully developed. It had had no skilled attention. The head had been completely severed by some sharp instrument. He said the vertebrae was divided without being bruised. The post mortem examination showed that the lungs were both perfectly formed, but not fully inflated. He could not be certain, but the probabilities were greatly in favour of the child having been born alive. Witness could not say positively that the child had had a separate existence.—The coroner said that so far as they were concerned that ended the case.—A verdict of found dead was returned.

Mr. and Mrs. Navarro, of New York, cabled congratulations on their son's engagement to Miss Mary Anderson, who is at San Remo with Dr. Sheppard and family.

The meet of the county Down staghounds took place on Saturday at Mountstewart, the residence of Lord Londonderry. After luncheon at Mountstewart the staghounds started, and excoquency Lord Zetland being with the party.

The body of a female child, apparently about a month old, was found on Clapham Common, close to the Mount Pond. The body, which was wrapped in an old shawl, was conveyed to the Clapham Mortuary.

An Arsenal workman, named William Webber, living at 15, Sandy Hill, Woolwich, was killed in the Royal Arsenal, Woolwich, by being crushed between two trucks, near the Cap Factory, Royal Arsenal. He was picked up and taken to the Arsenal infirmary, where he died in a few minutes without being able to make any statement.

## AN UNNATURAL MOTHER.

At the Marylebone Police Court, Harriet Joliffe, alias "Mother," aged 25, a domestic servant, was charged before Mr. De Ruten with running away and leaving her child, Charlotte Joliffe, aged 6 years, on October 7th, 1889.—Mr. William Roberts, parish warrant officer to the Marylebone Board of Guardians, said the prisoner's child was found in the Edgware-road at eleven o'clock at night on October 6th, and was admitted to the workhouse on the following morning. Witness had been unable to find the prisoner until Monday, when he received some information, in consequence of which he went to 41, Cambridge-road, Gunnersbury, where he found she was in service in the name of Olive. He told her he was her mother, and asked if her name was Joliffe, and she admitted that it was. He told her he should arrest her for running away and leaving her child in the Edgware-road at night. She said it in the Edgware-road at night. She said it was quite right.—Police-constable 47 D said he found the little girl in the Edgware-road. She gave her name, and said she had been brought there and had been left.—Mrs. Caroline Smith, of Albert-terrace, Hammersmith, deposed that she had had charge of the girl, and took her, by direction of the prisoner, to Edgware-road Station, where she left her with her mother, the prisoner, who was alone.—In reply to the charge, the prisoner, who had been weeping very much, said, "I can say nothing. I am very sorry." Mr. De Ruten pointed out that her conduct had been very bad, and sentenced her to six weeks' imprisonment.

The annual dinner given by the St. Stephen's Review proprietors to 300 poor people of Westminster took place in the Burdett Hall on Saturday. Mr. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., was present.

George Hunter, of 1, Mary Ann's Cottages, East Greenwich, has been admitted to the local hospital, having fallen with a tin whistle in his mouth, the roof of which was much injured.

Elizabeth Warren, of 1, Billingsgate street, Greenwich, fell downstairs and fractured her ribs. She was admitted to the Seamen's Hospital.

Sir Robert Anstruther Dalryell, K.C.I.E., St. Andrews, died suddenly in the New Club, Edinburgh, from heart disease. He was found dead in bed. The deceased baronet was 59 years of age, and had had a distinguished Indian career.

Dr. Macdonald held an inquest at Shoreditch on the body of Elizabeth Miller, aged 54, who died on the 24th of December, at Shoreditch. The cause of death was phthisis, and the jury returned a verdict accordingly.

A large demonstration of miners was held at Chester-le-Street, last week, when it was unanimously resolved to demand a 15 per cent. increase in their wages, a working day of ten hours, and five days' work only a week.

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## "THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

Mr. Egerton Allen, of Tenby, has been selected as the Gladstonian candidate for Pembroke.

Mr. Lee, of the firm of Huntley and Palmer, fell down dead the other day on board an Isle of Wight steamer between Cowes and Southampton.

Miss Mary Anderson will, it is now said, be led to the altar by Mr. Navarro, the wealthy American, in the course of this year.

The re-election of Mr. S. Smith, the Gladstonian member for Flintshire, is to be opposed. The names of the Hon. R. Grosvenor and Mr. F. P. Penant are mentioned as probable candidates.

It is proposed to hold an international exhibition in Berlin in the summer of the year 1897, and it is intended to render it an even more magnificent affair than the Paris Exhibition of last year.

Mrs. Margaret Arnold is the oldest person in Ohio. She was born in July, 1777. She has two sisters and a brother living, all of whom are centenarians.

Little Isabella Howell, of Richard-street, Glasgow, was swinging on a stair railing when she incautiously relaxed her hold and fell to the ground. She was killed instantaneously.

The Philadelphia and Reading Railroad officials announce that, on account of the prevailing dullness of the coal trade, every colliery owned by the company will be shut up. One-third of them have already been closed.

Intelligence from St. Petersburg confirms the report of the recent discovery of a plot against the Czar. A number of officers and Court functionaries have been arrested. Colonel Volokoff, of the Imperial Guard, who was said to have been at the head of the conspirators, has committed suicide.

Lord Hartington is sometimes too diffident. It is related that he once yawned unblushingly in the middle of one of his own speeches, and on being taxed with it afterwards remarked apologetically, "Well, but you know it was so dull."

At the Leicester Police Court, Samuel Barsby, hairdresser, pleaded guilty to keeping premises for the purpose of betting, and was fined £25, or three months' imprisonment. Walter Dutton, charged with assisting Barsby in the management of the place, was fined £10 or six weeks.

A man named James Kendrick has been sentenced to three weeks' imprisonment for attempting to obtain money by false pretences by representing that a newspaper which he was endeavouring to sell contained an account of another murder by "Jack the Ripper."

A great jewel robbery was perpetrated at Montreal a few nights since, some thieves having taken from the value of £30,000. The thieves were fully armed, and the door on the outside, so that those within could not interfere with their operations, and then smashed the glass and helped themselves.

The London County Council at its last meeting discussed a motion instructing a committee to consider the subject of acquiring a suitable site for a council chamber and offices. An amendment, declaring that it was premature to consider any scheme at present, was negatived, and the debate on the original motion was postponed.

A remarkable hailstorm is reported from Brisbane. The storm lasted twenty minutes, and the hailstones are described as jagged like hail of ice. The official meteorological report says the diameter of the stones averaged almost two inches, and one stone found in the observatory yard measured 3 1/2 in. long by 2 1/2 in. by 1 1/2 in.

Speaking at Bradford, Mr. Shaw Lefevre cited commercial statistics showing how greatly trade had improved. He urged that this proved the soundness of the principles on which our commerce was founded, and showed the necessity of being on our guard when the time should arrive for the revision of commercial treaties.

According to the Chicago Daily News, the North American Review paid Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Blaine each £250 for the articles that appear in the current number, which is at the rate of £25 a page. The ordinary writer receives 30s., 40s., or 50s., a page from this magazine, according to the value and character of his contribution.

The Shah is determined that his new representative here shall have the highest title that can be borne by one whom the king deigneth to honour. The successor of Malcolm Khan has been dubbed "Supreme of the Government." His full title is Agha Mirza Mohammed Ali Khan Alak-Sultan.

Vienna has just now a unique curiosity in the way of divorce. The Princess Joseph Sulowsky for a time had incarcerated her husband in an asylum on the ground of his alleged madness. Now that he is liberated he demands a divorce, on the ground that he was of unsound mind when he married the lady.

Mrs. Rose Akhurst, the mother of fifteen children, and wife of Stephen Akhurst, a member of Jerington, Sussex, has eloped with Harry Russell, one of her husband's labourers, and as Mrs. Akhurst took away £15 and other property, she and her runaway lover were traced to Canterbury by the police and arrested. They were remanded by the magistrates at Easbourne.

The Local Government Board has fixed the 30th of this month for holding a public inquiry into the scheme put forward by the local board for the drainage of East Molesey. Considerable opposition is anticipated to this scheme, more particularly from the adjoining parish of West Molesey, where it is proposed to dispose of the sewage from East Molesey.

In the slander action brought by Mr. W. Johnson, a contractor, against Mr. Helly, in respect of statements made at a meeting of a committee of the London School Board, the jury awarded the plaintiff £200 damages. A verdict for the plaintiff, with £200 damages, was also returned in his action against the firm of printers who had printed the minutes containing the imputations.

The examiner of private bills had before him the other day a bill for authorising the House to House Electric Light Supply Company to erect and maintain electric lines and works, and to supply electrical energy within the City of London. The initial capital of the company is £350,000, and it is proposed to light the public lamps at a price to be fixed by agreement.

"Very little helps." It was probably acting on principle that an invalid lady, who had ordered two glasses of port a day, sternly refused to continue the stimulant. "No," she said, "I have just been reading of the way in which they are boycotting our goods in Portugal. I should not be acting as a true Englishwoman if I did not retaliate, even at the cost of my health!"

mann Zeitung, an impecunious tailor, who called all the way from Vienna to Paris in a cab labelled as lunatic, has been released from custody in the gay capital, where he was fined for eeling without a ticket. The tailor declares he was nearly dead when he arrived in Paris. The German frontier he thought that he was very moment about to be stifled by the piles of luggage placed over and around him. He had no sleep for sixty hours.

The receipts on account of revenue from the 1st of April, 1889, when there was a balance of £5,392,002, to January 15th, 1890, were £65,708,150, against £65,298,440 in the corresponding period of the preceding financial year, which began with a balance of £7,647,072. The net expenditure was £29,511,316, against £28,635,780 in the same date in the previous year. The Treasury balances on January 15th, 1890, amounted to £1,050,670, and at the same date in 1889 to £1,443,771.

At the Altrincham Police Court, the wife of a gentleman resident at Sale was fined £58s. for defrauding the Manchester South Junction and Altrincham Railway. For the defence it was urged that for a long period she had taken daily a quantity of laudanum, by which her moral senses had become blunted, and she was not responsible for her actions at the time. The bench declined to take this view of the case, saying that railway companies as well as passengers must be protected.

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At a meeting of the National Education Association, the Hon. E. Lyulph Stanley remarked, with regard to technical education, that they wanted wider, more liberal, and more scientific instruction to prepare men for the intricate work that modern science required.

The Chinese have discovered a mighty fine way of staving off the persistent dun. The gentleman dunned cordially begs of the collector to wait for him five minutes or so, and then, returning with a gang of his friends, makes things lively for the anxious creditor.

Elizabeth Leach, 49, decently attired, who refused her occupation and address, was charged at Westminster Police Court with stealing a pair of boots, the property of Harry Seamark, from outside the shop, 14, Prince's-street, Westminster. Mr. D'Eyncourt sentenced her to two months' hard labour.

There were 2,065 deaths in Paris in the week ending January 15th, 1890, below the death rate in London last week, notwithstanding the much greater population of the English metropolis. The Parisian death rate reached the extraordinary height of 47.5. Many were the deaths from influenza and complications arising therefrom.

The Irish Registrar-general states that there were 325 deaths in Dublin last week, which was 107 over the average of the corresponding week of the last ten years. They included 13 from influenza and 130 from diseases of the respiratory organs, being 74 over the average of deaths from such diseases in the corresponding week of the last ten years.

In the large hall of the Theatrical Mission Institute, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, a meat tea was given the other evening to the "sandwich men" who, during the winter, have been the walking advertisements for the Strand, Adelphi, Terry's, Shaftesbury, and other theatres. Addresses were given and presentations made at the close.

This is how a clumsy printer's reader in America has been addressed by his editor: "In this account of the ball I said that Mrs. Bunkerton, the famous lecturer on dress, wore nothing that was remarkable. You've put it, 'Mrs. B. wore nothing. That was remarkable.' You can go to the cashier and get your money. We can't stand a man like you around here."

The prohibitory liquor law in the North-west of Canada is, apparently, not likely to last long. It is said to have not succeeded in its object, and the liquor sold surreptitiously is so abominably bad and dear that it is asserted more harm is being done than if no such law existed. In Calgary, according to one of the local prints, "liquor is sold openly, and no Act has produced more perjury, larceny, and rascality than the prohibitory Act."

At the Swansea Police Court, nine seamen were charged with refusing to obey orders on board the sailing ship Ambassador, which left Cardiff with a cargo of coals for Madagascar. Captain Leary, master of the vessel, stated that a gale sprang up fifty miles west of Lundy. He ordered the crew aloft to furl the topsails, but after an hour the men came down complaining that the ship was insufficiently manned; consequently, the conduct of the prisoners compelled him to put back to Swansea. The stipendiary magistrate sent the men to prison for a month.

Since the old law courts were pulled down some years ago, the unoccupied space on the west exterior of Westminster Hall has been enclosed by an unsightly boarding. Low stone walls are now being built on this space. These will allow a clear view of the restored western elevation, and will leave a fine open space between it and the abbey. The temporary shed in Palace Yard, used as a shelter for saddle horses, has been removed, and a better one is being provided. These changes will, it is hoped, be completed before the meeting of Parliament.

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The well-known political economist, Francis Bowen, the oldest professor at Harvard University, is dead. He took a cold bath, which gave a severe shock to his system, and shortly afterwards he expired.

Two men, named Moffatt and McGowan, were drowned the other night while crossing Coney Island strand, county Bligo, from the mainland. The unfortunate men were caught by the tide and carried away, as were also two horses and carts.

The snow block on the Central Pacific Railroad is the worst that has been experienced for ten years. Owing to the difficulties in transit no mails from the East were delivered at San Francisco for over a week. In some places on the Sierras the drifts are twenty feet deep.

A plague of rats is raging in the East of England, principally in Suffolk. On one farm of 250 acres 1,200 rats have been killed since harvest, and on another of 180 acres 1,000 rats have been caught. The farmers cannot keep their wheat in consequence of the number in the stacks, and have to thresh and sell out.

James Graham Swinburne, aged 33, a stoker, and one of the new hands at the South Metropolitan Gas Works, Vauxhall, died a few days since in St. Thomas's Hospital. He was found lying insensible and severely injured in a coal store at the gas works on Sunday, having fallen down a shoot a distance of about 25ft. while at work.

A meeting has been held at Birmingham in favour of establishing a bishopric in that city. The Rev. Mr. Worcester, who promises £500 a year towards the endowment, occupied the chair, and the Archbishop of Canterbury was the principal speaker in support of the scheme. Subscriptions amounting to £20,000 were promised at the close of the meeting.

The Dublin Court of Appeal has unanimously upheld the Exchequer Division in directing a new trial of the action in which Mr. Matthew Harris, M.P., was awarded £1,000, against the Irish Times for libel, that journal having stated that the informer Delaney swore that Mr. Harris was an invincible, whereas Delaney swore the reverse. Mr. Harris will appeal to the House of Lords.

An inquest has been held at Ickford, a village near Thame, regarding the death of Lucy Freeman, aged 66, who lived alone in a cottage, where she was found dead with all her clothes burnt off and her body roasted. The evidence showed that she was seen sitting in a chair near the fire. The jury, in accordance with the medical testimony, found that deceased died in a fit.

During the prevalence of a high wind the other evening a hoarding 30ft. high surrounding the new building for the Wesleyan Methodists in the City-road was blown to the ground, and four persons were buried beneath the heavy timber. It took upwards of twenty men to rescue the injured, three men and a woman, who were conveyed to St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

Mr. Edward Stanhope, M.P., the Secretary of State for War, has opened a Soldiers' Home at 155, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., which has been established by a few gentlemen belonging to the Wesleyan Church in their private capacity. The institution comprises a coffee bar and refreshment-room, a concert hall, a library, and a smoking-room, and bed-rooms for soldiers passing through London.

The Rochester county magistrates have fined Mr. S. J. Mackie, a scientific gentleman, £16 for having unlawfully kept 5lb. of tonite, or cotton powder, at Cliffe, near Rochester, without a certificate. The case arose out of a shooting accident, which occurred to a boy some time ago, the lad finding the explosive and having his hands blown off and his sight destroyed.

A shocking affair has occurred on the Welsh mountains, near Brynmawr. Some people walking over the hills discovered a woman, unknown, apparently about 60 years of age, lying against the hedge, endeavouring to shelter herself from the terrible gale blowing. She was benumbed with cold and almost lifeless. With difficulty she was got to a house, and restoratives were administered, but she died four hours later.

A fire broke out the other night on the premises of Mr. G. Hassell, linendraper, 169-175, Mare-street, Hackney. The back parts and ground floor of the houses numbered 171 and 173 were burnt out, and the front of the same damaged by heat, smoke, and water, and the upper part and contents by smoke. The adjoining premises, No. 175, occupied by Mr. P. Platten, ham and tongue dealer, also sustained damage.

A Swansea pilot, named Philip Mitchell, was drowned the other night in Mumbles Roads. Mitchell and a habler named Burton left the pilot boat in a punt to board the vessel Mascotte, and the punt was struck by a heavy sea and overturned. Burton was rescued in an exhausted condition by means of a rope from the tug-boat Gwelia, and removed to Swansea Hospital, suffering from severe injuries. Mitchell's body has not been recovered.

The Forth Bridge was crossed the other day by a long double train of waggons, weighing, in all, 2,000 tons. It was made up in two portions, one containing fifty waggons and three engines, two being in front and one behind. The engines weighed 450 tons altogether, and the waggons 16 or 15 tons each. All the people of Queensferry watched the test of the bridge, which was made on behalf of the engineers. This was the first time a train had stood on the bridge.

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In North Carolina, at the town of Raleigh they last week hanged a man who was guilty of a criminal assault on his own daughter.

Another conflict is reported to have taken place between Christians and gendarmes in the district of Spahial, Crete. There were some killed and wounded on both sides.

Miss Talbot, the eldest daughter of the father of the House of Commons, has been left all her father's estate, valued at £2,000,000, and his Great Western Railway stock, valued at £1,000,000.

Mr. Spurgeon, who was to have left Mentone on Tuesday on his return to England, is confined to his room by an attack of sciatica, and has been obliged to postpone his journey.

There are 11,000 books provided for the 1,100 persons who daily visit the People's Palace library. The officials say they should like to have 250,000.

At the half-yearly meeting of the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincoln Railway Company, Sir Edward Watkin, who presided, gave a donation of 500 guineas towards a fund for rewarding special acts of courage, devotion, or promptitude.

Mr. Benjamin Henge was indicted at the London Sessions for obtaining £300 by false pretences. The case, which arose out of a transaction with reference to a house on what is known as "the Mobbs' Estate," resulted in a verdict of not guilty.

There is a steady but substantial increase in the consumption of Australian wines in this country. In 1887 the quantity of wine brought to England from the antipodes was 168,188 gals.; in 1888 the quantity increased to 222,939 gals.; and last year it reached 307,039 gals.

According to a Union telegram, the Vienna Post states that the Austrian police are keeping a close watch in London, in conjunction with Scotland Yard, over a group of Austrian Anarchists, who are suspected of manufacturing bombs for use in Austria.

Seditious placards have been posted on the walls of one of the suburbs of Constantinople. They are directed against the Grand Vizier and Agop Pachá (the Finance Minister), and pointed out the unprecedented favour shown by the Sultan towards the latter, who is not popular.

During the past five months as many as 850 persons have been under treatment at the Pasteur Institute, and not one of these patients has died. Some slight modifications have been made in the treatment followed, and as fresh experience is gained the results are more and more satisfactory.

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One would imagine that English oarsmen rowing patrons, reading of the honours paid Searle's remains, would make some effort to back the championship to the old country, and fortune and glory both await the man who does that much-to-be-desired thing. The affair of all classes of the community assembled to honour Searle's funeral. The most notable rowing men the colony has produced, including Beach, Kemp, Matterson, Richard Green, Elias Laycock, Trickett, Stansbury, Neill, Rush, and others, were his pall-bearers. The procession was a mile in length, and great public honours could not have been paid to Searle by that means. It was a tribute had he been dead general who would have put on the field of battle fighting for his country. His colours were worn pinnacled by thousands, and it is calculated there were from 150,000 to 200,000 people present. Sir John Robertson, members of the city council, and both branches of the Legislature were there, and it is needless to say all the athletic and rowing clubs were fully represented. After the service had been read in the cathedral, all the poor of the colony were conveyed to their resting-place near his birthplace and home at Grafton, on the Clarence River. Among the letters of sympathy received by Searle's family was one from Lord Carrington, expressing

so thorough as it ought to be, and further investigations were considered necessary. The committee resigned, and the matter was thrown back on the committee which came out at last. This was a malicious hope, as was proved last Wednesday evening, when the old committee was re-elected and whatever inquiry took place was, as publication in the press was concerned, completely quashed. Had the Pelicans not taken up public position they did, nobody would have expected big things of them, and their conduct might have been as secret as that of the Veterans or the State Chamber—in fact they might have been as malicious in the wilderness. But, therefore, have only themselves to blame if in the future their boxing competitors are regarded with suspicion, and the Pelicans as in the days of old, is regarded as more as an unclean bird. As Slavin is satisfied and well he may be with the previous settlement at Margate and his two testimonials—silent, and the Pelicans make no sign, we reckon on seeing no more of the matter, at least they may be thankful. Frank Slavin came quietly and unostentatiously, and in his fight with the impostor Smith he earned a reputation that men of the Sayers stamp could hardly claim in a lifetime. He was regarded as a public figure and it is entirely his own fault if he leaves the shores as unwelcome and unfriended as he landed here.

To make whipped cream "H. H. H." it must be what is called double cream. It must be flavoured slightly with a little of either lemon or vanilla and a little of the finest sifted sugar. Beat it with a wire whisk until it is as stiff as butter. Then whip it with your hand for some time, and so be sure. It should be whipped in a very cool place, and heaped up with a spoon, so that it is only used for sweets, and never stood on a dish in a cool larder to drain. It is a waste. The cream should stand firm, and the better it made the day before, the more it increases the firmness. It is to be used, as I have said, for the cream.

"Britannia" would like to know how to make her black lace skirt stiff and black, as the other girl has made it limp and flimsy and of poor quality. Of course, much depends upon the brown of the lace she uses, and she must have the best. She must restore a black lace skirt as stiff as the other by washing it in water so hot that when she hardy put her hands in it. She mixed

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## ACTION BY MADAME ROSE HERSEE.

## Verdict and Judgment.

In the Queen's Bench Division, before the Lord Chief Justice and a special jury, a case was heard in which Madame Rose Hersee, the well-known singer and teacher of music, sued Miss Ada Emma Michelson, and Henry Michelson, her father, a banker's clerk, to recover £500 as liquidated damages for alleged breach of an agreement. Early in 1886 an agreement was entered into that Madame Rose Hersee should teach Miss Michelson for five years without remuneration, and that during that period Miss Michelson's earnings should be divided between Madame Hersee and Miss Michelson, and it was provided that if there was any breach of it £500 should be paid as liquidated damages. The plaintiff's case was that Miss Michelson was unpunctual and neglected her lessons, and had broken the contract, and it appeared that she did ask to be released after a large number of lessons had been given, and the plaintiff agreed to release her if £50 were paid. This, however, was never carried out. The defence was that there was no breach on the part of the contract, and further it was alleged that the plaintiff had neglected to give the young lady, in consequence of her professional engagements, regular lessons, and had neglected her. His lordship, in summing up the case, said that if the jury were of opinion that, although there was no point blank refusal on the part of Miss Michelson to carry out the contract, yet that she would not give Madame Hersee the best of her attention and did not do her best to learn, they would be justified in finding that there was a substantial breach of contract, and in awarding the plaintiff fair and reasonable damages. On the other hand, on the part of the teacher there must be a bona fide and honest performance of the undertaking to teach; but the jury must consider what would be a reasonable performance of the contract, considering the plaintiff's profession and her engagements, which were known to the defendant. The jury found a verdict for the plaintiff, damages £120. Judgment was given accordingly.

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**GENERAL SERVANT** wanted, age about 20, 3 in family, another kept, wages 1s. 6d.—Mrs. P., Hetherington's, 100, Queen's-road, Peckham.

**GENERAL SERVANT** wanted, age about 25, small family, no washing, wages 1s. 6d.—Mrs. P., Hetherington's, 100, Queen's-road, Peckham.

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